# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:291
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COTTON MONOPOLY
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cotton growers in Nagpur city have been agitating over the neglecting of the cotton growers` problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main demands of the cotton growers in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government was approached by the State Government to help the State Government in meeting the cotton growers` problems;

(d) if so, whether cotton growers all over the country have been facing the same problem;

(e) if so, whether any concrete steps were taken by the Union Government to help the cotton growers of each state; and

(f) if so, the extent to which these problems have been solved?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

( SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN )

(a) to (c):- Neither the State Government of Maharashtra has informed nor the Government of India is aware of any agitation of the cotton growers in Nagpur city for neglecting the cotton growers` problem.
In Maharashtra, Cotton MonopolyProcurement Scheme is run by the State Governmentof Maharashtra. The Procurement prices are fixed by the State Governmentin the beginning of the season for all varieties and grades grownin Maharashtra. The procurement prices offered by the Government of Maharashtra for 1999-2000 cotton season are in general higher than the prices offered during the previous year. The Government of Maharashtra approaches the Government of India for extension of the Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme from time to time. Presently, the Scheme is in operation upto June, 2000.

(d) to (f):Government of India announces Minimum Support Prices of kapas (seed cotton) every year. Whenever market price of kapas falls below the MSP, the Government purchases kapas (seed cotton) at MSP, without any quantitative limit, through the Cotton Corporation of India, in all the Cotton Growing States except in Maharashtra where the Monopoly Procurement Scheme of the State Government is in operation.
Further, the Government of India has launched a Technology Mission on Cotton Development, from the current financial year with objectives of research, dissemination of technology to farmers, improvement in Marketing infrastructure and modernisation of Ginning & Pressing factories.